

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

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Grissell Cruz,

Case No. 23-cv-37 (SRN/DJF)

Plaintiff,

v.

**ORDER STAYING PROCEEDINGS**

The Lincoln National Life Insurance  
Company,

Defendant.

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Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 6(b), for good cause shown, and in light of the parties' Stipulation to Stay Proceedings ("Stipulation") (ECF No. 24), the Court **APPROVES** the Stipulation **IN PART**. This entire matter is stayed pending the initial adjudication of Plaintiff's Social Security Disability Benefits ("SSDI") claim only. The stay will be lifted upon the initial adjudication of Plaintiff's SSDI claim, irrespective of any appeals. The parties shall file a joint letter updating the Court on the status of Plaintiff's SSDI claim within **7 days** after an initial determination of that claim is received, or by **March 1, 2024** if no decision is received before that date, and shall notify the Court within **7 days** if they negotiate a settlement.

**SO ORDERED.**

Dated: September 1, 2023

*s/ Dulce J. Foster*

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Dulce J. Foster

United States Magistrate Judge